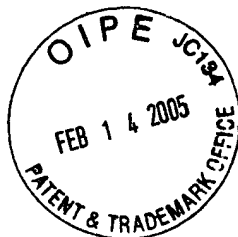


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Applicant in response to receipt of an office action, dated January 12, 2005, wherein the Examiner has indicated that the Claims 1-19 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

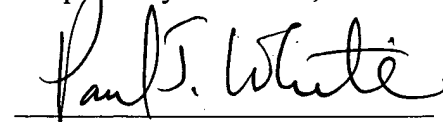
The Examiner is requiring an election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to method, classified in class 438, subclass 758.
- II. Claims 12-19, drawn to apparatus, classified in class 257, subclass 1.

Preliminary election of Group I is hereby made with traverse, subject however to reinstatement in the event the requirement for restriction is withdrawn or overruled under 37 CFR § 1.142.

Dated: February 11, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

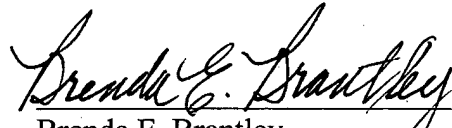


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